# An MRI-validated study of Electrical Coupling Index catheter superiority in AF ablation - pre study

No registrations found.

**Ethical review** Not applicable

**Status** Pending

**Health condition type** 

Study type Interventional

## **Summary**

#### ID

NL-OMON28416

Source

Nationaal Trial Register

**Brief title** 

Merci-AF pre study

**Health condition** 

Atrial Fibrillation
DE-MRI
Ablation

## **Sponsors and support**

**Primary sponsor:** Medisch Spectrum Twente Enschede

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** Initiator = sponsor

Intervention

#### **Outcome measures**

## **Primary outcome**

To perform a pre-study to assess the feasibility of DE-MRI to assess lesion size, transmurality and completeness of PVI. The study will be performed to determine if and how DE-MRI can be used in a subsequent multicentre study (MERCI-AF study).

## **Secondary outcome**

To collect data on the use of ECI-feedback which could be included in the MERCI-AF study.

# **Study description**

#### **Background summary**

Radiofrequency (RF) pulmonary vein isolation (PVI) represents an established therapy for treating atrial fibrillation (AF). The quality of catheter tip-to-tissue contact plays a critical role in ablation safety and efficacy. Catheters providing feedback on this tip-to-tissue contact have recently become available. Effectiveness of RF ablation by these catheters has recently been demonstrated in humans 1–3. MRI has shown to be of great value in assessing lesion size and transmurality in-vivo. To demonstrate the superiority of using the ECI catheters to conventional catheters for the effectiveness of AF ablation, post procedural MRI with delayed enhancement (DE-MRI) can possibly assess lesion size, transmurality of the lesion and completeness of PVI and relate this to clinical outcome.

## Study objective

DE-MRI is feasible to assess lesion size, transmurality and completeness of PVI. The study will be performed to determine if and how DE-MRI can be used in a larger subsequent multicentre trial (MERCI-AF study).

## Study design

After 10 patients

#### Intervention

PVI using electrical coupling information (one side of PV's) or using no celectrical coupling information (other side of PV's)

## **Contacts**

#### **Public**

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# **Eligibility criteria**

## Inclusion criteria

In order to be eligible to participate in this study, a subject must meet all of the following criteria:

- Paroxysmal atrial fibrillation for which  $\geq 1$  electrical and/or chemical cardioversions and persistent atrial fibrillation, eligible for PVI according to current international guidelines.
- Age < 70 years.
- Willing and able to sign informed consent.
- Willing to and capable of following the requested study procedures.

#### **Exclusion criteria**

A potential subject who meets any of the following criteria will be excluded from participation in this study:

- Age < 18 years.
- Pregnancy
- Life or follow-up expectancy < 12 months.

- Previous PVI in history.
- Contrast allergy.
- Creatin clearance level lower than 60.
- MRI scanning not possible (e.g. because of metal implant or claustrophobia).
- Unsuccessful PVI during first procedure, while already in study. This will lead to exclusion after randomisation.
- Abnormal left atrium anatomy defined as number of PV's  $\neq$  4 . This will lead to exclusion after inclusion but before randomisation.

# Study design

## **Design**

Study type: Interventional

Intervention model: Parallel

Allocation: Randomized controlled trial

Masking: Single blinded (masking used)

Control: N/A, unknown

#### Recruitment

NL

Recruitment status: Pending

Start date (anticipated): 01-03-2014

Enrollment: 10

Type: Anticipated

## **Ethics review**

Not applicable

Application type: Not applicable

# **Study registrations**

## Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration

No registrations found.

## Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register

No registrations found.

## In other registers

Register ID

NTR-new NL4116 NTR-old NTR4357

Other :

ISRCTN wordt niet meer aangevraagd

# **Study results**

## **Summary results**

N/A